Rich Gold Fields of Alaska and the Way to Reach Them.

GREAT RUSH EXPECTED IN THE SPRING

Mild Climate on the Coast-Glance at the Interior of the Famous Wind Cave at Hot Springs-News of the West.

From the point where supplies are landed In the interior of Alaska, Indian packers and dog sledges are extensively used, for there are few reindeer up there, and the dogs are man's only freighters, but they are tough and strong, and can go a great distance and draw a heavy load without any food except a few frozen fishes and occasionally a little corn meal or bread.

"Juneau is the general outfitting point for nearly all parts of the interior of Alaska," says a Tacoma dispatch to the Chicago Record, quoting Mr. T. J. Quinn, a prominent trader who has lived in Alaska over

"Two new routes into this country have been projected, one by way of the Chilkat river and the other by way of Moore's pass, over which a good pack trail is to be built next summer. Both of these routes lead from Juneau into the Yukon valley, and will be more desirable in many respects than the

'Many persons regard Alaska as a region of perpetual snow and ice, with no summer and no vegetation, but that is because the country is so little known. The climate of Sitka and other towns along the coast is Sitka and other towns along the coast is very similar to the climate of Tacoma, Seattle and Portland. It may be a trifle colder, but not much. It is never so cold there as it is in New York or Chicago. The summers are always cool and pleasant. There is a great deal of rain at Sitka and all points along the coast during the winter and a portion of the fall and spring, but the summer is dry and the sunshine very bright. In the is dry and the sunshine very bright. In the interior it is much colder, but it is a dry cold, that is invigorating, and as persons are prepared for it they do not suffer from the cold. Numerous vegetables are raised at Sitka, Juneau, Wrangel and other points or

WIND CAVE WONDERS.

"The rooms in Wind Cave lay in ers, over one another," says George surface. We compare the cave to a huge sponge, two miles square and 500 feet high, all dried out. We have formations found in no place in the world outside Wind Cave. One is the boxwork that you saw. There is no geological name for it, and it is so named on account of its resemblance to boxes. The Bride's chamber is the first room, and is 165 feet below the entrance. The first large room is the posteffice, being about 300x50 feet, with a beautiful dome about eighty feet The room takes its name from the box formation on the ceiling, also from the sides, where visitors leave their cards. The Red hall has a very red formation, and the White room is perfectly white. The Devil's Lookout is a crevice sixty feet high, and narrow. This scenery grandest scenery in Switzerland for beauty, while the Queen's drawing room is hung with curtains and tapestry and decorated fine enough for the most exacting queen. The Methodist church is a beautiful chamber, with domes and arches and supporting pillars, while all is covered with the most delicate thred boxwork. This room was dedicated by Dr. Haucher, president of Black Hills college, and now is a regular chapel. one mile from the entrance, and about 240 feet beneath. Music sounds delightful, and nearly all parties sing a hymn or two before leaving the room. Capital hall is the largest room on the short route, containing abou three-quarters of an acre, with the ceiling sixty feet high. Two large lamps light each and the effect is grand. In the Amphitheater we find the Masonic goat, also the scenes and music of the Midway Plaisance. In Turtle pass we step over an immense turtle. Fallen Platts are two miles from the entrance, and 350 feet beneath, being in the sixth tier of chambers. From here we sixth tier of chambers. From here we ascend Cliff Climbers' Delight, a distance of sixty feet to Five Points. W. C. T. U. hall was dedicated by Mrs. Emma Krammer, president of the South Dakota Women's Christian Temperance union. The Garden of Eden is then found, two and one-half miles from the entrance, and about 175 feet beneath.

The room contains about half an acre, and is made up of domes, beautiful alcoves and fairy-like grottos, all covered and coated with a pure white and pink frost work, some being so delicate that a breath would destroy it. This is, or would be, a paradise for fairles. and one always goes away with a feeling that he has not enough. The Corkscrew path winds around and down over 100 feet to Dante's Inferno, which is a dark and deep rocky pit, and one can almost imagine seeing the Imp of Darkness at the bottom.

COTTONWOOD GOLD DISTRICT. excitement anent the gold discoveries in the Cottonwood district is by no means abating, and was only intensified by a strike in the Blue Jay. A vein of quirtz eight inches in width was encountered samples from which showed up very rich, says the Salt Lake Herald. Assays will be made and

the value of the rock determined.

Gold City has sprung into existence, the townsite being platted, 160 acres in all, with streets, alleys and avenues. Boarding houses and stores will be erected at once, and ever the inevitable saloon is already contemplated. Prospectors are very plentiful all over the country, at least fifty or sixty being on the ground, wading in the snow looking for precious metals. A party of Sait Lakers, among whom is City Treasurer Duke, have virtually located everything in Fergus canyon and are very sanguine of success

Every one is pushing development as fast as possible. The owners of the Mayflower opening it up as rapidly as can be done Mr. Dalton is going ahead on the New State company's Gold Hill. The vein is thought to be dipping, and it may be three or four days before it is crossed-cut. However, good ore is being taken out and sacked for

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the boundaries of the mining district, those op-erating in the neighborhood have decided to amend the by-iaws to read so as to attach all properties south of Willow Creek to Little Cottonwood. A meeting was called for that purpose at Gold Hill cabin, but, inasmuch as Recorder Stewart was not present, it was deemed best not to take action, it being presumed that he had not received definite no-

proposed to have the recorder located at Gold City if possible, for the convenience of prospectors, for when the snow shall have melted a rush is anticipated.

EX-GOVERNOR GILPIN'S PROPHECY. The late ex-Governor William Gilpin, in whose honor Gilpin county was named, whose honor Gilpin county was named, prophesied about fifty years ago that Colo-rado would in time be the richest state in the He lived to see the prophecy almost fulfilled, says the Denver Republican, it was a source of great gratification to him to point to Gilpin county as the richest piece of territory of the same size in the world. And he would say in speaking of it: "Not one-tenth of its territory has been prospected. Wait until the golden wealth of all the hills

pects to live to see the time when there is no more vacant land upon which the prospector may seek for new viens. The county has been prospected for thirty-five years, yet not constent of it has been taken up. New discoveries are being made continually, and the bonanza were H. Arthur Johnson of the cold mines are not playing out, although the deepest mines in the state are located there. If it had not been for the gold mines the Denver & Gulf road would never have been built into Gilpin county. The investment, has been prospecting the claim for two however, was one of the best the manage-months, employing several men, and on arrive months, employing several men, and on arrive more taken to that great class of the human family who were born tired. He is healthy and to the is healthy and robust, but does not perform one day's manual labor a week Jarring the year. These are the kind of men that impose upon the generosity of others. Could this man receive aid he would not put in five acres will be worth \$212 to the ton.

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DEEP MINING PAYS. George R. Gwynn reports the new strike in the Wheeler at the head of the Platte as consisting of a good body of ore, running from nineteen to fifty ounces in gold, says the Alma Bulletin. A cropping of this ore was found in working this mine years ago. but development work has since failed to reveal the treasure until it was uncovered by leasers a little more than a week ago. The and with the Wheeler's location at considerable depth below the great mountain ore chambers that have been struck above the gulch level this strike may mean not only the proving of a great mine in the Wheeler's location at considerable at once, and the company has agreed to do so. The ground covered by the company's claims extends for a distance of two miles that a hydraulic plant be put in place at once, and the company has agreed to do so. The ground covered by the company's claims extends for a distance of two miles along the river Taos, and is near the line and the company has agreed to do so. ore is in porous porphyry and lime rock, and with the Wheeler's location at considerthe proving of a great mine in the Wheeler, but a solution of the location of the richer ore levels in the consolidated Montgomery district, the entire geological forma-tion of which is netted with veins or honey-

combed with valuable ore bodies. The upper formations are of varying grades, nent trader who has lived in Alaska over seven years. "After securing an outfit at Juneau the next objective point is Chilcoot, or Dyah, which can be reached by small steamers, of which there are a number plying between Juneau and Chilcoot, and occasionally they go to Chilkat. By leaving Juneau in March or April the cost of packing is greatly lessened. The route followed to get into the Yukon country is across the Chilcoot pass.

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The greatest quantities of coarse gold are all of pay character under prospect treatment, now being taken from Forty-Mile creek and Arkansas rivers, renders the location excepts two branches, known as Davis creek and tionally favorable for the attraction of public Sixty-Mile creek. A large number of claims attention and interest, and furnishes one of have been located along these streams within the many additional indications that Alma the last two seasons, and some very rich camps are certain to come in for their full strikes are looked for in that section of the share of the gold excitement next summer country. There is a very large area of terri- Alma camps already have the ore in sight tory in the Yukon country that has never been explored or prospected, and the yield is practically unlimited.

to run dozens of mills and at the same time keep up a brisk shipping of high gold smelting ores. ing ores.

FABULOUS SHIPMENT. The shipment of a train load of what is supposed to be very high grade ore from the Independence was a surprise to those who thought they were posted on every important piece of mining news in the camp, says a Cripple Creek special to the Denver News. The men in charge of the mine have stoutly the men in charge of the mine have stoutly denied that any ore was being saved for a special shipment. They claimed that ore which averaged \$400 per ton, without sorting, was good enough. Still for the past six weeks a few men at odd times have been seen in the ore house sacking the high grade syltage. vanite. Quartz which did not run over fifty ounces in gold was not saved. Assays were made on every few sacks of this high grade ore, and it is reliably reported that the average was over \$5,000 per ton. In the month age was over \$5,000 per ton. In the monta of January more ore was sent to the smelters and mills than in any month in the history of the camp. If the value of the product did not reach the million mark it was not far from it.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN PROSPECTS. Recent developments in the Sheep mountain district on Crystal river, thirty-five miles from Carbondale, show some very gratifying results. The Hoosier Mining company and the Sheep Mountain Mining company have recently made strikes that have given new life to the district, says the Den-A. Stabler, the postmaster at Wind Cave, in writing to a friend in Iowa. "We have found eighty tiers so far, and the cave is like an eight-story house, each tier of chambers having a different formation. We have also been about 500 feet beneath the seven ounces gold and -50 to 600 ounces silentification. The awners are elated over the cave to a been opened up; which assays two to seven ounces gold and -50 to 600 ounces silentification. ver to the ton. The owners are elated over their recent strike, and are preparing to push operations as soon as the season will permit. The Sheep Mountain Tunnel and Mining company has been steadily pushing its tunnel ahead for three years, and at times the task ahead of them seemed insurmountable, but by perseverance the tunnel is now in 2,009 feet, with 500 feet of drifts. The breast of the tunnel is in shipping ore, which is undoubtedly the Black Queen vein,

of which the mining world knows. The Black Queen has shipped considerable ore in years past, but is at present shut down on account of litigation. The Sheep mountain tunnel will open up a portion of this vein which is free from litigation, and it is the plan of the owners to resume shipments early in the spring. The Crystal River railroad has taken on new life, and preparations are being made to complete it. This piece of road starts from Carbondale, on the Aspen branch of the Rio Grande road, and is projected up Crystal river thirty-five miles. Thir-teen miles of track have been laid and eigh-teen miles of grade completed. Operations were suspended in 1893 on account of the panic, but from reliable sources it is learned that the company is prepared to push the road to completion. This branch road will also open up extensive coal and marble beds in addition to handling the low grade ores which would not pay with other means of transportation. At present there is three feet of snow over the district, and the ground will be covered until April 1. This district is generally known as the Rock Creek mining district, and lies in Gunnison county, twenty miles from Crested Butte and twenty-five

miles by rail from Aspen. DE LAMAR MINES SOLD. Captain J. D. De Lamar, the well known ining operator, has parted with his stock in the De Lamar group of mines in South western Idaho, which was sold to London capital in 1892, on a report made by Prof. Tilden of the Colorado School of Mines. The De Lamar stock is now held in Paris and London, three-fourths in the former city and one-fourth in the latter, says the Denver News. It is expected that Captain De Lamar will use his released capital in developing his gold mines in southern Nevada and in constructing the proposed railroad from those mines to a connection with the Salt Lake and Los Angeles road, with which the Denver Short Line will ultimately con-

Paris was an incident of the recent activity in the London market, where \$2,000,000 of French capital was invested in one week. The last report from the De Lamar is dated December 31, 1894. It gives the details of work for the month of November, showing the value of gold produced at the milis to be \$45,504.16, and the value of silver \$20,-167.93. The value of the smelting ore reached \$12,529.94, making the gross earnings for the month \$78,202.04. All eexpsses for the month reached \$37,013.34, leaving a profit of \$41,188.69, or over 50 per cent of the gross

receipts.

OUTLET FOR YANKTON. During the past two weks considerable ilroad news has developed, which indicates that active operations to complete the Yankton, Norfolk & Southwestern may be ex-pected within sixty days, says the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader. Three different corporations are calculating the advantages to be derived from completing this read, which is now nearly graded to Norfolk, and the people of Norfolk are in a position to control the situation if they desire to, and they can materially aid in bringing two more roads into their town if they want these additions. The Yankton, Norfolk & Southwestern controls the best grade and owns considerable land through which its road is graded. It has been rumored that the precinct of Aten. Neb., opposite Yankton, has offered, or will offer, a bonus of \$25,000 to the Great Northern if that road will locate shops at their town, and it is not improbable that they may do this as soon as they commence work across the river. For the first year, at least, a boat will have to be operated, and it would be much cheaper and more convenihave their shops located on the Ne-

braska side. IMMENSE BODY OF PAY GRAVEL Five dollars per yard pay in gravel is considered something immense, but when the amount reaches \$40 per yard it is something that most miners would grow wild over if possessed with such an inheritance. From what was stated to a reporter for The Denver Times by J. N. Clark, an old California placer miner, who is operating a gravel bank for George Valley and other railway officia's interested with him, it looks as if something better than an Independence has failen into their possession in New Mexico. The placer ground is located on the Taos river and con-sists of 300 acres of a mesa of gravel through which the Toas river has cut to a depth of 500 feet and the gravel has pay all the way

months, employing several men, and on arriv-ing in the city handed to the men interested fine samples of shot gold, pronounced to be of a superior quality. The veteran pros-pector then told his companions that he had prospected the gravel all the way down to the bed of the stream, and stated that it the bed of the stream, and stated that it would and did pan all the way from \$5 to sale of the bonds netted \$4,975, leaving a baltime that the ground was sick that it time that the ground was rich, they said, but it had never been thoroughly prospected, and the surprise at the announcement of the expert was most complete. Mr. Clark recom-mends that a hydraulic plant be put in place the Rio Grande rallway.

NEW MEXICAN PLACERS. This town is situated on the northern slopof the Ortez range of mountains, and at the base is located the old placers which have been worked more or less for the last sixty years, and are now being worked considerably by both Americans and Mexicans, says ably by both Americans and Mexicans, says a Dolores special to the Denver News. The gold, both in placer and quartz, seems to lie in pockets, both in the rock and in the dirt. A party from Trinidad, Colo., in doing asessment work, struck a vein of ore running

A car load of ore has just been shipped from the Cunningham mine as a test, and if it yields as expected, the Ortez stamp mill , will be started to running on the ore. The other stamp mill has just been started by parties from Albuquerque, running ore from san Pedro, from their own mine.

There is no better country to prospect in, with any better assurance of success, than

MOTHER BELT OF THE WORLD. E. P. Suydam, an old San Juaner, came in from Boundary, B. C., and put up at the

St. James, says the Denver News. Boundary, the new hope of the prospector, is located just across the line in British Columbia, but the mail point is at Marcus, Wash. A large mineral belt is central at Boundary, the camps of Smith's, Atwood, Skylark, Greenwood, Deadwood, Copper, Helen and Raster being within a radius of ten miles of that place. The new district of ten miles of that place. The new district is just north of the Colville Indian reservation of the United States and west of the famous Kootenai country of the British possessions. Prof. Louis Agassiz declared that the great mother belt of the world would be found somewhere along the line between the United States and British Columbia, and Mr. Suydam thinks that he has "sure found it." He has several sacks of fine ore from that country that he expects

to open and exhibit to his friends.

Mr. Suydam is an old Coloradoan, being the builder of the Santa Clara mill at Rico, and having put in the first set of square timbers that went into the San Juan mines, those placed in the Wabash. At one time he owned the Puzzle extension at Rico and took out large quantities of ore. He lived quietly in Denver for about five years after leaving the San Juan, and then the "quartz fever" reasserted itself, and he left for the northwest. The Spokane & Northern railroad is reaching out toward the new dis-trict, being now within sixty miles. THE SAN JOAQUIN ROAD.

Already over \$2,000,000 has been subcribed by San Francisco capitalists toward the stock of the prospective railroad through the San Joaquin valley, and the people of that The freight schedules of the Southern Pa-cific have been a two-edged knife to the peoproceeds of grain and fruit grown in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Tulare and Kern have heretofore been divided into wo portions-one for the grower and one for the carrier who took the crop to marketand quite often the latter was the larger of the two. Simultaneously the valley farmer has had to pay two prices for everything he wanted—his tools, his furniture, his clothes his groceries, his supplies of all kinds, on price representing the normal value of the goods in the great markets of the country and another price representing the cost of hauling the goods from the place tion to Sacramento, Stockton or Los Angeles and thence to the place of consumption. These two burdens have heightened the cost of production throughout the valley, while simultaneously reducing its profits.

The effect of such a revolution on land values in the valley can hardly be exagger-ated. The history of that section of the state has been a series of violent fluctua-tions. About thirty years ago wheat land in San Joaquin and Stanislaus could hardly be said to have a value in money. Ten years afterward it made its owners millionaires, if they had enough of it. At one time people who loaned money on Fresno property charged off the loan to profit and loss; a few years afterward the raisin industry was born and the loans were paid, principal and interest. It is not easy today to borrow m improved land in the valley. Let the new road be built and the valley towns will be full of lenders seeking to place their funds.

NEBRASKA. Cedar county teachers meet at Laurel Howard county teachers will meet at St

Paul on Saturday next. Fred Luchsinger, a Columbus wine and spirit dealer, has made a voluntary assignment.

of Poland China hogs through the ravages of the cholera. Hartington Baptists are preparing to erec-

a very neat and comfortable parsonage as on as the frost breaks up. The eleventh annual fair of the Boon-County Agricultural association will be held at Albion on September 11, 12 and 13 next. Fred Soehner, aged 17, is missing from Hartington. He was wearing a new blueish overcoat and is under the medium height. Red Willow county fair will be held on the four days immediately preceding the open

ing of the state fair, September 9, 10, 11 and 12. Bloom has been before Judge Hale E. P. at David City for having collected an order for \$2 at the point of a revolver from Mel Haines.

Genoa is claiming extraordinary immunity from fires. During the past eight years there has been but one in which the damage exceeded \$100. Sixty-six conversions have been effected

during the revival meetings at the Methodist church at Elmwood and forty-six persons have joined the church. John Harvey, a resident of Spencer, was kicked in the head by his team while he was

tending it in the livery stable at O'Neill. He is not thought to have been dangerously hurt. Conrad Hoffman, an old soldier living at Central City, has been robbed of a large num ber of chickens. One morning he found the heads of thirteen of them lying on his door-

Edith M. Pray and Mr. E. Bordwell have retired from the publication of the Harting-ton Leader and Mr. Z. M. Baird, who was formerly engaged in newspaper work in that city, has taken charge.

Dr. Brown of Indianola is suggesting that the authorities should have all clothing received by the relief commission thoroughly disinfected before it is distributed to the suf-fering, to avoid the danger of infection.

Sidney has had a test made of the stone found in the vicinity of the city, and the result shows its strength to be greater than that of any stone found along the line of the Union Pacific. From the results of this test the city is building great hopes of being able to secure the location of one of the govern-ment's prisons, for which appropriations have already been made.

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No one doubts the wisdom of the words apoken by Governor Glipin, but no one ex-

Oskaloosa's improvements for 1894 aggregate \$379,450

Citizens of Clinton and Lyons are agitat-The total cost of improving and extending

Cerro Gordo county's board of super-visors, after a full investigation of the charges of fraud against the county auditor,

have vindicated the officer. The Iowa Intercollegiate Base Ball league has arranged its schedule of games so that Cornell plays with Iowa college April 27 and with the State university May 3, both games at Mt. Vernon.

Fort Madison school board has decided to submit a proposition for the issuance of \$35,000 worth of bonds to the voters at the coming election for the purpose of erecting a high school building.

Major W. T. Seward, who has been sentenced to death for participating in the in-surrection in Hawaii, is the only brother of Mrs. C. W. Slagle of Fairfield. He was a Frank Collins, a young farmer living east of Geneva, was severly injured by a bull.
When Collins went into the barn the bull had

broken loose and made a rush at him, knocking him down and tramping him under foot. Frank Fell, a farmer living three miles from Clarence, and who has been in poor circumstances for some time, was gladdened a few days ago by receiving a check for \$10,000 from a wealthy Philadelphia rela-

the Sac and Fox Indians in 1832, and has been a resident of Dubuque since, was last week awarded \$672.08 by the government.

This is her share of the trust fund of the state of the state

found near Waverly on the railroad track in an unconscious condition, has recovered sufficiently to tell the circumstances. Two tramps knocked him down in the road. He would have been frozen to death but for a farmer's assistance.

Mrs. Hannah Bodecker of Ackley was arrested about a month ago for being disorderly—drinking too much "booze" and making herself disagreeable to everybody—and sentenced to thirty days in jall. She got out a week ago and went to drinking again and her mother got out a warrant for her arrest on a charge of assault and battery. She was again sentenced to thirty days in jail,

The mystery surrounding the death of the inknown young woman at the Marshall county poor farm cleared up today. John Vandeford, a blacksmith at Conrad, came to the city with indisputable proof that the dead girl was his daughter, who left home shortly after learning her condition. She was not married. Her illegitimate child died Wednesday and her father had both bodies disinterred and took them home for burial.

The joint committee in charge of the pay of indemnity for the Ford's theater disaster, at Washington, of which committee disaster, at Washington, of which committee Congressman Updegraff is a member, agreed to report in favor of the payment of \$5,000 to the helrs of each of those clerks who were killed in the casualty. One of the beneficiaries will be Emma A. Ames of Iona, Chickasaw county, widow of Alfred L. Ames, aged 36, who lost his life in the accident. Seth B. Peck of Elkader had his ankle severely crushed by the fall of the building and will be crippled for life as a result. and will be crippled for life as a result. Congressman Updegraff says that Peck should, in his judgment, be paid \$3,500, in riew of the injuries he received.

Residents of Grant township, a farming community a few miles northwest of Eldora, are greatly excited over a peculiar phenom-enon that no one has yet been able to exthe San Joaquin variey, and the people of the San Joaquin variey, and the people of the San Francisco Call. It means increased business to San Francisco, but it is life to them that no one has yet been a ball or cloud of fire is seen to rise out of the prairie, and travel along at a terrible speed, until it is travel along at a terrible speed, until it is lost in the distance. The more timid people are superstitious, and declare that it is an ple of the valley. They have imposed such burdens on the valley products that the net burdens on the valley products that the net awful calamity that threatens them, and awful calamity that threatens them, and others regard it as an ill omen, foretelling disaster that is to visit the country. The light is vouched for by some of the leading residents of Grant township. A similar sight was witnessed in the same place a few years ago but nothing has been seen of it until within the last two weeks.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Recent figures show 2,600 members of the G. A. R. in the state. A soldiers' and sailors' reunion will be held

at Spearfish next June. The bounty given heretofore by the state on wolf scalps and gophers is to be abolished this year. Douglas county has advertised for 15,000

bushels of seed oats and 20,000 bushels of eed wheat. Unless the welves can be exterminated to

the Cave Hills country stockmen believe the section will have to be abandoned to the The Mount Vernon News says that during 1894 48,505 pounds of butter and 49,020 dozen

eggs were shipped from that station and that the farmers received \$10,000 for them Relief is said to be needed by settlers in he unorganized counties along the Missouri river, where hundreds of men, women and said to be suffering for food, clothing and fuel.

The manager of the Bryant creamery says that one man who has been selling cream to his creamery from eight cows for the past nine months has drawn during that time over

\$400 in cash for his cream. After nineteen years of waiting Mrs. Clara Fulford of Sloux Falls, widow of Daniel Fulford, is to be reimbursed by the United States government for \$2,000 worth of gov

ernment bonds lost in a fire. The general expectation that the drouth seasons are past and that the coming season will be an exceptional season for good crops is resulting in the receipt of many inquiries at the local United States land office at Chamberlain.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the stablishment of a co-operative store at Rapid City. A board of nine directors has been elected. The majority of the stockholders are farmers from the valley do their trading in this city. The object of the company is to carry on a general store and co-operate with the producers by taking all they raise on their farms.

Among valuable finds in Spruce gulch in the Black Hills is that of Brodie & Tortalt, who have struck a four-foot vein of silicious which yields \$20 in gold and from twenty-two to thirty ounces in silver per ton The ore is on top of the quartzite, and is horizontal in formation. Aaron Dunn, owner of the Survivor mine, in the same locality. has just had three assays of the output his mine made, which run from \$46 to \$68. A convention was held the other day at Huron in the interest of irrigation, com-posed of representatives from counties in the artesian basin and the Black Hills. A committee was appointed to formulate a bill for presentation to the legislature providing for creating irrigation districts and permitting

the construction of dams and reservoirs for holding surface water for irrigation purposes, real estate embraced within such districts to assessed according to benefits derived from the dams, reservoirs or artesian wells, COLORADO.

velopment is under way It is reported that the Silverton railroad will be extended up the Animas from Silverton to Eureka in the spring.

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Ophir has over forty gold claims within two miles of town, on Silver mountain, that have produced pay dirt—ore milling from \$10 per ton up to several hundred dollars per

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The Dolly Varden lode on Nelson mountain, leade, is being worked with flattering results. The property is located 900 feet from the Kentucky Belle and between well defined walls has a four-foot vein of mineral which gave returns of twenty-five ounces of silver and \$2.40 in gold at the surface.

More ore and of better grade was sent to the smelter in January from the Victor mine, Cripple Creek, than ever before in the history of that property. The pay streak has not widened particularly, but so much ground is opened that a large force can now be em ployed, while the ore appears to be con-stantly improving in value.

It is rumored that good veins have recently been discovered at Current Creek, a little been discovered at Current Creek, a little stream in Park county, about thirty miles west of Cripple Creek. The region is described as being in the eruptive rock. One gentleman who has been there recently says float carrying big values is found quite plentifully over the hill, but only a few holes have been put down to bedrock.

Waddleton Bres., who are working a portion of the Raven, are now sacking the richest ore ever found on Raven hill. It was as-sayed and found to run 500 onnces per ton. So far this month they have carefully gathered and sacked about one ton of this ore and think they will have five tons for a shipment toward the last of the present month. They are confident it will run \$6,000 per ton in carload lots. The lowest assays

Placer mining along the Green river, in Wyoming, will enjoy a great boom next spring when the ice breaks up.

The report that a number of colored people in Laramie were organizing with a view to colonizing in Africa, is emphatically denied. Governor Richards is of the opinion that the Burlington will build into the basin be-fore very long, and may commence operations within a year.

The Wyoming Hot Springs company is now incorporated. The capital stock is \$48,000. The object of the company is to operate the iot springs at Alcora.

A telephone line will be established be-tween Cheyenne and Denver next spring. The line will be built by the Rocky Mountain and Colorado Telephone companies.

The new city hall at Rock Springs has been completed, and as soon as the furniture arrives the council will begin holding meet ings there. The new structure cost \$25,000 W. K. Secord and a companion of Laramie have made arangements by which they hop to slay hundreds of wolves in the Sybile child country. They will use poison and traps and to realize on the hides and scalp expect bounties.

The bounty law is delayed, in order to as certain the rates to be paid by adjoining states, which, if lower than those of Wyoming, would lay an extra tax on border counties, to which scalps from other state would be brought.

The twenty-five-mile long irrigating canal being constructed by Denver capital in the vicinity of Carter station, on the Union Palific railroad, in the southern portion of this state, is to be fully completed this year. The canal issues from the Black Fork river in Unita county, will cover 40,000 acres, and will cost \$100,000. Twenty farms will be cultivated under the canal this year, and next year will see the entire 40,000 acres both in rigated and colonized.

The first carload of a substance which, fo want of a better name has been called "na tural soap," is being loaded at Casper and will be shipped to Chicago, says the Derrick. The parties who own the claim, near Alcova from which the soap was taken, will not ye reveal the purpose for which it will be use nor the price received. But it is known that some of it will go to New York, and that it is very valuable. When put in water it acts mon hard soap like con

Since it would appear that Big Horn county will be organized before so very long a time many conjectures are being made as to the location of the county seat. At the presentime Hyatville is the most important point in the basin, and it would no doubt be formidable applicant for the place. Governor Richards states that he has no particular preference, but thinks the county seat will eventually be located somewhere on the Nowood creek, below Hyatville.

OREGON. Frank Ott of Island City will establish

rewery at Enterprise. Several carloads of apples are being shippe rom Rogue River valley to New Mexico. A plant for the manufacture of tomat catsup will be established at Hood River. The Yaquina Bay Cannery company ha incorporated, to operate a creamery

at Toledo. The people of Warrenton and Clatsop plains have subscribed \$100 for building a good road etween those places.

Negotiations are in progress for the sale of

he Phizz mineral springs, in the Eagle mountains, Union county, to eastern parties. John Frazer of Eagle Valley, Union county has received \$75 as a second prize in world's competition for growing cabbages. Surveys have been made for a new water works in Mitchell, and it will not be long before the work of construction will begin.

ill guarantee to supply the milk of 200 cows. The stockmen of eastern Oregon generally report stock doing well and enough feed or hand to pass through the winter in good

A proposition has been made to establish

creamery at Independence if the farmers

shape. Professor Clarence King, the celebrated mineralogist and geologist, will make an ex-pert report on the La Bellevue mine, at Granite.

Eight thousand sheep are being fattene on wheat and barley in a corral just outside of Pendleton, and will soon be prime mutton for the market.

The Astorian says that Olney is having building boom; new houses are going up o all sides, and a general air of prosperity An effort will be made to secure \$40,000 i

subscriptions of stock at Salem for the proposed railroad from Independence to Salem ten and one-half miles. Charles Frye of Powder river has just mar keted five hogs, averaging 660 pounds in weight each, while another farmer of that

section sold one weighing 750 pounds. Placer mining in the southern part of the tate has been suspended for a time, because of the freezing of the water courses. Miner. precautions against freshets.

Baker City boasts of fourteen men who av rage 240 pounds in weight, the heaviest be ng 2991/2, and the lighest 201. They are all over six feet, but two, one of them being six feet, six and one-half inches, and another but half an inch shorter. J. H. Huffer, who located a rich

ledge about seven miles from Medford some time ago, shipped by express 1,300 pounds of quartz to a San Francisco smelter. Some time ago he shipped 100 pounds to the smel-Gold in fair quantities has been discovered ter, and it produced \$20 to the pound in gold in the Sulphide group, Creede district. De- and silver. The quartz shipped is equally

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